

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2959–S2980

Measures Introduced: Six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3958–3963, and S. Res. 617–622. **Page S2973**

Measures Passed:

Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act: Senate passed S. 712, to provide assistance for United States nationals taken hostage or unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the committee amendment to the title. **Pages S2977–79**

Senate Manual: Senate agreed to S. Res. 619, to provide for the printing of the Senate Manual for the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress. **Page S2979**

Juneteenth Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 620, designating June 19, 2020, as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which news of the end of slavery reached the slaves in the Southwestern States. **Page S2979**

Measures Considered:

Taxpayer First Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1957, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2960–72**

Adopted:

By 73 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 119), McConnell (for Gardner) Amendment No. 1617, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2972**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 118), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to McConnell (for Gardner)

Amendment No. 1617 (listed above). Subsequently, the point of order that the bill was in violation of the Senate pay-go rule, pursuant to Section 4106(a) of H. Con. Res. 71, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Pages S2970, S2971–72**

McConnell Amendment No. 1628 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1617), to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S2972**

McConnell Amendment No. 1629 (to Amendment No. 1628), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 1628 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1617) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S2972**

McConnell Amendment No. 1626 (to Amendment No. 1617), to change the enactment date. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S2972**

McConnell Amendment No. 1627 (to Amendment No. 1626), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 1626 (to Amendment No. 1617) (listed above) was tabled. **Page S2972**

By 75 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 120), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2972**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 16, 2020; and that all time during adjournment, Leader remarks, and recess count post-cloture on the bill. **Page S2980**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2973–75**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2975–77**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2972–73**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—120) **Pages S2971–72**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday,

June 16, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2980.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 7196–7231; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 103; and H. Res. 1001–1007 were introduced. **Pages H2395–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2398–H2400**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Trone to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2393**

Senate Referrals: S. 886 was held at the desk. S. 939 was held at the desk. S. 149 was held at the desk. S. 3637 was held at the desk. **Page H2393**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2393.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE ROLE OF AFG AND SAFER GRANTS IN COVID-19 RESPONSE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: On June 12, 2020, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Role of AFG and SAFER Grants in COVID-19 Response”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET CUTS AND LOST LEARNING: ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Budget Cuts and Lost Learning: Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Public Education”. Testimony was heard from Mark Johnson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction,

Raleigh, North Carolina; Eric Gordon, Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Cleveland, Ohio; and public witnesses.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Impact of COVID-19 in Sub-Saharan Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

GEORGE FLOYD

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: On Friday, June 12, 2020, Commission received a briefing on George Floyd, focusing on a time for transformation at home and abroad, from Abena Oppong-Asare, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom; Mitchell Esajas, New Urban Collective, Netherlands; and Karen Taylor, European Network Against Racism.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission spectrum auctions program for fiscal year 2021, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the impacts of COVID-19 on the energy industry, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine police use of force and community relations, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Racial Disparity in the Military Justice System—How to Fix the Culture”, 12 p.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Reviving our Economy: COVID-19’s Impact on the Energy Sector”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Cybercriminals and Fraudsters: How Bad Actors Are Exploiting the Financial System During the COVID-19 Pandemic”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “Objectives of U.S. Arms Sales to the Gulf: Examining Strategic Goals, Risks and Benefits”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Business as Usual? Assessing How DHS Can Resume Operations Safely”, 12 p.m., Webex.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 16 through June 19, 2020

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1957, Taxpayer First Act (the legislative vehicle for the Great American Outdoors Act), post-cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: June 16, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission spectrum auctions program for fiscal year 2021, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: June 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lieutenant General Daniel R. Hokanson, ARNG, to be general and Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and General Gustave F. Perna, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief Operating Officer, Project Warp Speed, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 16, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, 10 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: June 16, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

June 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration’s oversight of aircraft certification, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 16, to hold hearings to examine the impacts of COVID-19 on the energy industry, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: June 17, to hold hearings to examine responding to the challenges facing recycling in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Finance: June 17, to hold hearings to examine the President’s 2020 trade policy agenda, 3 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: June 17, to receive a closed briefing on assessing arms control, focusing on new START and beyond, 4:30 p.m., SVC-217.

June 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine COVID-19 and international pandemic preparedness, prevention, and response, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: June 17, to hold hearings to examine telehealth, focusing on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: June 16, to hold hearings to examine police use of force and community relations, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

June 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John W. Holcomb, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Brett H. Ludwig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, R. Shireen Matthews, and Todd Wallace Robinson, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Christy Criswell Wiegand, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 685, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 relative to the powers of the Department of Justice Inspector General, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Select Committee on Intelligence: June 17, business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters, 1:45 p.m., S-216, Capitol.

House Committees

Committee on Energy and Commerce, June 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Health Care Inequality: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 and the Health Care System”, 11:30 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, June 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, June 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Diversity and Diplomacy: Why an Inclusive State Department Would Strengthen U.S. Foreign Policy”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, June 18, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Climbing Again: Stakeholder Views on Resuming Air Travel in the COVID-19 Era”, 4 p.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, June 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7120, the “Justice in Policing Act of 2020”, 10 a.m., CVC-200 and Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, June 18, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 244, the “Advancing Conservation and Education Act”; H.R. 1267, the “B-47 Ridge Designation Act”; H.R. 2611, the “Public Lands Telecommunications Act”; H.R. 3682, the “Land Grand and Acequia Traditional Use Recognition and Consultation Act”; H.R. 5040, the “Aerial Incursion Repercussion (AIR) Safety Act of 2019”; H.R. 7045, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on lands that could be included in a National Forest in Hawai’i, and for other purposes; and H.R. 7099, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Coconino National Forest Land in the State of Arizona, 3:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, June 18, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “The Unemployment Pandemic: Addressing America’s Jobs Crisis”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, June 19, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “Repurposing Therapeutic Drugs for COVID-19: Research Challenges and Opportunities”, 1:30 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Small Business, June 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Paycheck Protection Program: Loan Forgiveness and Other Challenges”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, June 17, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2, the “INVEST in America Act”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, June 17, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The 2020 Trade Policy Agenda”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

June 18, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “Tax Relief to Support Workers and Families during the COVID-19 Recession”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, June 18, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Emerging Trends in Online Foreign Influence Operations: Social Media, COVID-19, and Election Security”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, June 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1957, Taxpayer First Act (the legislative vehicle for the Great American Outdoors Act), post-cloture.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 18

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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